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TAX COMMISSION RENDERS ITS REPORT.

Recommends Raising Tax on Wild Lands, Ad Valorem Tax for Public Corporations and Direct State Tax.

The members of the Maine Tax Commission, Morrill N. Drew of Portland, William S. White of Rockland, Milton L. Merrill of St. Albans, George M. Hanson of Calais and Frank C. Deering of Saco, appointed under authority of Chapter 108 of the Laws of 1907, to investigate the present system of assessing and collecting taxes in the State of Maine, Friday submitted their report to Governor William T. Cobb. Commissioners White and Merrill submitted dissenting reports. The report of the commission recommends that: All assessments be at the full market value, that State assessors be invested with greater powers, that the State tax be apportioned according to land values, that public service corporations be taxed on ad valorem basis, that savings deposits in national banks be taxed, that life insurance companies be taxed according to the value of their reserves, that automobiles be taxed according to the size of the car, that the tax on bank stock be made uniform, that a direct and collateral inheritance tax be levied, that uniformity be brought about in the taxation of steamboats, that a mortgage recording tax be levied, that poll taxes be made uniform in all municipalities, that pleasure boats be taxed wherever found on April 1, that foreign corporations pay a license fee, that a public utilities commission be created, that State, county and municipal bonds be exempted from taxation, and that securities of such Maine Corporations as pay a tax based on their full value be exempted.

Lack of space will not permit giving the report in full. The following are among the important suggestions. Apportionment of the Direct State Tax. We hold that the State should apportion the State tax upon cities, towns, plantations, and unincorporated townships in the proportion that their respective land values bear to the total land value of the State. About one-half of our territory contains no class of property other than land. This is the only class of property found in all our geographical and political subdivisions, and we believe in a sound principle of "just and equitable" taxation that a taxing power should have its revenue as a class of property which is universally distributed throughout its domain, or if it is to derive its revenue from indirect taxation, as is the case with our Federal Government, it should levy its duty on a class of property that is used in all sections of the country—otherwise the revenue of the Government would be contributed by the property or people in a comparatively small section of the Commonwealth.

The present direct State tax amounts to \$1,183,374.42, being three mills on our total valuation. Of this amount, the cities and towns pay \$1,071,512.84 and the wild lands \$111,861.58. If the present direct State tax had been apportioned on land values the cities and towns would have paid \$963,765.50, this being \$16,747.34 less than now paid, and the wild lands would have paid \$231,893, this being \$26,117.45 more than now paid.

Regarding the counties as a whole, the tables will show that every county in the State derives a material benefit as two—Arroostook and Oxford. The municipalities as a whole in Androscoggin would have paid \$14,992.61 less State tax; Cumberland, \$10,493.33; Franklin, \$4,683.45; Hancock, \$8,669.50; Kennebec, \$28,128.58; Knox, \$11,739.20; Lincoln, \$2,637.43; Penobscot, \$2,176.47; Piscataquis, \$3,691.77; Sagadahoc, \$12,458.22; Somerset, \$19,769.83; Waldo, \$4,165.73; Washington, \$4,699.28; and York, \$9,002.

It will be noted that we as yet have said nothing about taxing land values. We have discussed only the apportionment of the State tax. Our idea is that we shall use the land values of cities,

FURTHER STIRRING OF THE TROUBLED WATERS.

South Paris Doesn't Like The Editor's Conclusions.

Says Our Correspondent—A Communication.

To the Editor of the Citizen:
After reading very carefully your article in last week's Citizen, giving the results of your investigation of the Norway Water System, I have written this article on the same subject and hope you will be able to find room to use it in the columns of your paper.

To the citizens of South Paris Village Corporation it seems almost impossible that anyone could make a "full and fair" investigation of this question and learn no more of the actual facts than you appeared to discover. There are several things in the article to which any loyal voter of this corporation has a right to take exception.

In the first place the editor of the Citizen deplores the fact that a strong feeling has grown out of this question between the people of the two villages. This, I do not believe to be a fact. That the people of our village have no great love for some of the directors of the Norway Water Company is true, but that this feeling is allowed to extend to the people of Norway as a whole, is not true. I believe there never has been a time when socially the people of the two villages were so united and harmonious as they are today. Had the editor of the Citizen visited the two villages last summer, when we were without water for weeks, he would have heard nearly, if not quite, as much condemnation for the Norway Water Company in one village as in the other, and would have realized that the opposition to the Company was not all on this side of the line. He thinks that with their present equipment there is no doubt but what they can supply water at all times. They had the same number of pumps then and could not, and accidents are liable to occur at any time which will again make their pumps useless.

In last week's article the editor of the Citizen deals with two questions; the pressure maintained and the quality of the water. Let us for a moment look at the same questions.

The Pressure.
Everyone knows what the pressure has been in the past few years, so we will do as the editor did last week and, confine ourselves to what present conditions are. No one will claim that the amount of money expended by this Company in the last two years has been wholly without results, but the people of our village do claim that Mr. Howler's conclusions that our pressure now is ample for our needs is not correct.

On December 17, 1908, Mr. Geo. R. Morton and Chief Engineer Bowker made a test of the pressure. When they

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BAR HAVEN.

A treat is in store for the people of Bethel on Dec. 31, when the Y. P. M. C. E. will give the drama, Bar Haven, in Oskoon hall.

This is a strong play, full of interest and excitement and with just enough comedy to make it enjoyable. The parts are well chosen, and the play bids fair to be one of the best that has been seen in Bethel for many a month. Last Oskoon hall will be filled to the doors, and all who help fill it will be sure to end the year with a smile.

The following is the cast of characters:

Captain Hopper, an old fisherman.
C. B. Cushman
Hardy Stone, his helper.
Y. P. M. C. E.
Leo Bradley, in search of an heir.
H. C. Rowe

Gordon Graham, a wealthy farmer.
E. C. Bowler

Rev. John Wesley Higgins, pastor at Bar Haven.
J. W. Nelson

Cy Brackett who is fishing for fish and Arbell.
Harry Partridge

Mrs. Wardell of "The Manor."
Miss Eva Twaddle

Florence Wardell, her daughter.
Mrs. H. C. Rowe

Kate Wardell who comes into her own.
Miss Ethel Waterbury

Spray Hopper, the captain's daughter who laughs at love.
Miss Ethel Richardson

Arbella Wentworth, between the devil and deep sea.
Miss Cleo Russell

NEW WONDERS TOLD OF ALASKA RANGE.

Angus McDougall, a Former Resident of Rumford,

Makes Interesting Discovery.

Miss Margaret McDougall of Ridgeway has recently received a letter and paper from her brother Angus McDougall of Fairbanks, Alaska which tell of a valuable discovery recently made by him. McDougall, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. McDougall, resided in Rumford for some time when the village was in its infancy and the following article from the Fairbanks Daily News of October 29th will no doubt prove of interest to our many readers.

The Alaska range, the long chain of heavily mineralized hills that stretches across Alaska has long been regarded as one of the most important storehouses of the North's undeveloped mineral treasures.

Never has a prospector returned from that section with other than the most optimistic report of the range's promising indications. Angus McDougall, a well known old-timer of this section and a thoroughly trained hard-rock man, who recently returned from the Chitina section by way of a little explored part of the range is no exception. He sees a future of far greater importance than the placer fields of the interior.

McDougall spent the summer in the Koskolina, a Chitina tributary, driving

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MOTHER AND CHILD PERISHED IN FLAMES.

Sad Fate of a Former Bethel Girl.

We take the following from The Enterprise of West Stewartstown, N. H. Mrs. Smith will be remembered by Bethel people as Laura Lowe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lowe, who made their home for several years with Mrs. S. J. Philbrook. She had many friends in Bethel who extend sympathy to the sorrowing parents.

Brunswick, Vt., Dec. 13.—Mrs. Laura Smith, housekeeper for Jas. Gilkey, a well to do farmer here, and her 5-year old daughter, were burned to death in a fire that destroyed Mr. Gilkey's house and furnishings early this morning. Nothing was saved from the house except a writing desk, and Mr. Gilkey, who was awakened by the dog, escaped by a small margin.

The two barns were not burned although they were only a short distance from the house.

The origin of the fire is not known but Mr. Gilkey thinks it may have been caused by an oil stove which Mrs. Smith had been accustomed to take to her room on cold nights, but he does not know whether she had it on this particular night or not.

The loss of property is estimated at from \$2,000 to \$3,000.

DEATH OF JOHN BUZZELL.

At his late home in Virginia occurred the death of Mr. John W. Buzzell on Friday evening after an illness of about six years. Mr. Buzzell had been suffering of a bad cold but had not been confined to his bed until about an hour before his death when he was taken suddenly ill, the cause of his death being rheumatism of the heart.

The deceased and been a resident of Rumford for the past 17 years and was a much respected citizen. For many years he was a contractor but retired from active business some twelve years ago. He was a veteran of the Civil War having been a member of a Vermont regiment. Mr. Buzzell was 72 years of age.

Funeral services were held at the home Sunday afternoon and were conducted by Rev. J. G. Fisher of Mexico. The sons of veterans attended in a body. The remains were placed in the tomb and the interment will take place at Dixfield.

A BAD SMASH UP.

Ralph Penley of South Andover

Thrown from Sleigh and Fractured Hip.

One of the worst runaway accidents that has happened in Rumford for a long time occurred Friday morning, when Ralph Penley, a young man from South Andover was thrown from a sleigh and quite badly injured. Young Penley drove into town at about half past eight in the morning and was crossing the bridge near Morse's grain mill when all of a sudden the horse threw up its head and started running at a whirlwind gait.

In trying to make the turn at the head of Congress St. the team smashed against the watering tub and a wheel was thrown to the ground several feet away while the sleigh was completely demolished. Several parties soon came to the assistance of the injured fellow and he was taken in a team to the office of Drs. Blace and McCarty, where it is was found that his hip had been fractured besides his being badly shaken up. Had it not been that the young man was clothed in heavy garments the injuries might have been more serious.

RUMFORD MILK MEN BEFORE THE COURT.

Charged With Selling Im- pure Milk.

The pure milk war has reached this section of the country and as a result two of Rumford's milk dealers were brought into court Thursday morning on the charge of selling impure milk. The first case taken up was that against A. U. Goddard. Among the witnesses were Colin Mann, Milk Inspector Standard and Dr. C. M. Bisbee. According to the evidence brought in milk had been sold which contained formaldehyde also which was taken from cows affected with garget. Lower Parker appeared for the state and Lawyer Blanchard for the defense. Goddard was found guilty by the court and fined \$10 and costs, which he paid and was discharged.

The next case was against Scott Richardson who was not only fined for selling impure milk but for selling milk that had been skimmed for good milk. The witnesses included Arthur Eastman, Dr. Stanwood and a son of the respondent. The same lawyers appeared in the case as in the one previously named. Judge Stearns adjudged the man guilty and imposed a fine of \$10 and costs. Mr. Richardson appealed.

CHRISTMAS EVE AT THE CONGREGATIONAL CHAP- EL, BETHEL.

The workmen found it impossible to finish the dining room in season for the annual Christmas supper, so a picnic supper will be served in Garland Chapel Thursday at six o'clock. The members of the Sabbath School and their friends are invited and all are requested to bring their contribution of food without further soliciting.

The exercises by the children will begin at half past seven o'clock. The program will consist of music and recitations which will be followed by the unloading of the Christmas trees. Bring your presents early as the committee will have plenty of time to arrange the trees. Come to supper at six and enterainment at 7:30.

FUND FOR ATHLETIC FIELD.

Previously acknowledged, \$1,112
C. E. Chapman, Redlands, Cal. 5
Walter N. Keene, W. Poland, Me. 1

Total, \$1,118

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WANT COLUMN.

Put your Want and Sale notices here and they will be read in 3,000 Oxford County homes—4 lines 1 week, 25c. 3 weeks, 50c.

HYGIENE FACIAL AND SCALP
Treatment. Manicuring, hair dressing, singeing, shampooing, electrolysis and chiropody. Miss Evelyn Berry, Hall Block, Rumford, Me. Graduate of Dr. Parker, Pray System.

Remember and save your leather tops for rubbers. Randall keeps the Ball Brand and Beacon Falls Rubbers this year. 11-10 at pd.

FOR SALE—Several tons of good hay. Inquire of Hastings Bros., Bethel.

FOR SALE—Hard wood, green and dry. Hastings Bros., Bethel.

FOR SALE—Cows of all kinds, also some Chester pigs and fall Berkshire and one pair work horses, H. S. HASTINGS, Newry Corner, Me. 12-10 08 3 t p.

FOR SALE—On pair of horses, weighing 2500, good workers and good drivers, six and seven years old. Also two sets of two horse sleds. Call or inquire of F. L. CHAPMAN. 12-17 t f.

TO LET—Two hundred cords of dovetail timber to be cut and hauled. Inquire at once of H. S. Hastings, Newry, Me.

I WANT WOOD SURVEYORS and dealers to use my ready reckoned wood rule; great convenience; circulars sent on application; price \$1.50. J. B. HASKELL, Sudbury Bldg. Boston. 12-24 t.

SALESMEN WANTED.

WE WANT, as a responsible representative to all vacancy now existing in your town, a School Teacher, Lawyer, Clergyman, Student, business professional or other enterprising man, who will give the whole or a part of his time to selling Equitable Life Policies, the most popular Life Insurance Company operating in Maine today. It's the harvest time now for the live, enterprising active Insurance man. The Equitable's great prestige is acknowledged. More Maine people are seeking insurance in the Equitable today than ever before. If interested, communicate at once with the Manager for the State, F. H. Hazelton, Portland, Me. 10-28 t

ST. MARGARET'S GUILD HOLDS ANNUAL SALE.

On Thursday afternoon and evening, at St. Barnabas church in Rumford was held the annual sale and supper under the auspices of St. Margaret's Guild. The parish hall was very prettily decorated in red for the occasion and booths in the same color were attractively arranged about the room. At the left of the entrance was stationed the candy booth which was filled with sweets and presided over by Mrs. Claude Gilpatrick, Misses Louise Bryant and Hazel Merrill. The Red Cross booth was next in order and was in charge of Mrs. F. W. Smith. Here were sold Christmas cards and the Red Cross stamps.

Directly opposite was the book where fancy articles were sold. This booth was presided over by Mrs. Lee and Mrs. Neal and many dainty articles were sold during the afternoon and evening. The hall table was well supplied with dolls of all descriptions and waddles likewise. In the center of the table was an old fashioned doll which is valued very highly by its owner. Pinned to the dress was a card bearing the following inscription: "My name is Amelia Jane Dickson and I am over 160 years old. My clothes were made from a wedding gown worn by my first mother's mother over 200 years ago." The doll babies were tenderly cared for by Mrs. Emma Smith.

At one corner of the hall was the "Old Oaken Bucket" which resounded to the depths of the well and brought forth a price when a nickel was paid. From 5 to 7 o'clock a fine supper of salads, cold ham, cranberry sauce, hot rolls, cake, coffee, etc. was served, the ladies in charge being Mesdames H. W. Ranlett, Stanley Baber, W. Hardy, Walter Morse and John Neal. During the evening rally and vocal wreaths were sold by Mrs. Ranlett and Mrs. Stratton.

The sale was a most successful one and a neat sum was netted. Mrs. Walter Hayden is president of the Guild.

Slashed Prices

in Coat and Suit Department.

Half Price

Ladies' Suits.

\$22.00	for	\$11.00
20.00	for	10.00
18.00	for	9.00
15.00	for	7.50

Ladies' Coats.

\$20.00	for	\$10.00
18.00	for	9.00
15.00	for	7.50
12.50	for	6.25
10.00	for	5.00
7.50	for	3.75
5.98	for	2.99

Children's Coats.

\$9.00	now	4.50
7.50	now	3.75
6.98	now	3.49
4.50	now	2.25
3.98	now	1.99
2.98	now	1.49
1.98	now	.99

These coats and suits are all this fall and winter goods, no old styles, a great opportunity for you to save money, come early before they are all gone.

Thomas Smiley
NORWAY, MAINE.

Our Store is full of everything

and anything you want to fill your list for Christmas shopping.

We have an especially attractive line of Handkerchiefs.

L. M. STEARNS. Bethel, Me.

BETHEL AND VICINITY.

Mrs. Nat Lowe has been very ill.

The Ladies' Aid will be omitted this week.

Miss Elsie Hall was in Bryant's Pond Monday.

Mrs. J. G. Gehring went to Portland Monday.

Leslie Brown was in Berlin, N. H., Saturday.

Mrs. I. H. Wight was in Berlin, N. H., Saturday.

Miss Mabel Goodwin was ill the first of the week.

Mrs. Hodgkin has been ill and under the physician's care.

Miss Luella Boothby is with Mrs. O. M. Mason and Miss Mason.

Mr. David LeBrooke of North Waterford, was in town Monday.

Mr. John Allen moved into his new home on Vernon St. last week.

The W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. L. T. Barker, Tuesday, Dec. 29th.

Mr. F. L. Edwards has commenced drawing plans to the Chair Factory.

Miss Farwell of West Bethel spent Sunday with her aunt, Mrs. McKee.

Mr. C. O. Foster comes home from Hallowville today to spend Christmas.

Miss Florence Skillings came home from East Weymouth, Mass., last Saturday.

Mr. Copeland returned last week from an extended business trip in Massachusetts.

Mr. Fred Clark was unable to work the last of last week on account of a bad cold.

Mr. J. C. Billings went to Portland Saturday returning in the evening with Mrs. Billings.

Mr. Packard has been caring for Mr. C. H. Demeritt at North Newry who has been very ill but is improving.

Mr. M. L. Thurston and Walter Emery were in Norway Saturday and purchased some horses to go into the woods.

Mr. Lyman Wheeler has purchased a gasoline engine and saw and is cutting lumber on the A. B. Grover place.

John Swan and Foye Brown have taken the pine on the Sanborn farm to cut and Mr. Charles Cross is to haul it to the mill.

Miss Anna Pingree has been unable to enter school this term on account of a chicken pox from which she is now recovering.

A. J. McAllister and family of North Waterford passed through this village Friday enroute for Upton, where he is to take charge of a saw mill for L. L. Mason.

Z. W. and F. D. Bartlett have purchased the Simon Southern farm at Middle interval and are to erect a portable mill and saw cut the timber this winter.

News has been received from Rumford of the death of Mrs. I. L. Mills, formerly of Bethel. Mrs. Mills' death occurred at the Central Maine General Hospital, Lewiston.

Mr. John Yates formerly of Bethel, now of Colbrook, N. H. was taken to the Lewiston hospital Saturday for appendicitis. She was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Lucinda Goodwin of Bethel.

The Ladies' Prayer Circle of the M. E. church will meet with Mrs. Chandler on Church street, Wednesday afternoon. Subject, "The Divine Gift."

There is a good interest and attendance and a cordial invitation is extended to the ladies who have not attended as yet.

The free picnic supper of the M. E. church was Sunday School secures this Thursday at 6 o'clock, in Old Fellows Hall. The supper will be followed by the distribution of gifts from the Christmas trees. All families not solicited please bring or send their part of the picnic. All friends of the church are cordially invited.

Dr. G. M. Twitchell of Auburn will deliver his lecture, "A Love Messenger," at Upton's Academy about Jan. 7th. (A definite announcement next week.) Dr. Twitchell has something to say and says it in a forceful and interesting manner. It is hoped a large audience will greet him when he comes to Bethel. The entire receipts of Dr. Twitchell's lecture will be added to the fund for athletic field.

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The Columbian Club will meet with Mrs. O. M. Mason on Monday, Dec. 28. Please notice the change in date.

The friends of Mrs. J. C. Billings are pleased to hear of her return from Portland and hope to hear of a speedy recovery.

Mr. W. C. Garey received word Sunday of the death of his mother, Mrs. Ellen Garey of Norway. Mrs. Garey was ill but a short time, death being caused by acute indigestion.

At the Universalist church, Thursday evening there was the usual Christmas exercises. At six o'clock in the dining room of the chapel there will be given the customary free Christmas supper to which all interested friends are invited and the children will all be heartily welcomed. Following the supper there will be a Christmas concert or exercise in the church with the usual Christmas trees. It is rumored that special arrangements have this year been made for a visit from Santa Claus during the evening.

THE CHILD JESUS.

The sacred festivity of this season, when rightly kept, should make us all in spirit, like little children. It carries us back to the new and mighty era of progress and improvement in the world, and we find that it began with a little child. When God would interpose on our behalf, and bring back lost mankind, and restore the race to more than Eden holiness, it is through the instrumentality of a little child. He begins with a new birth. He makes the strong man a little child. You must be born again, "Of water and the Spirit."

"Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the Kingdom of heaven."

You must become as a little child. You must take the hand of your Elder Brother and learn to draw all your strength and surety from him.

The greatest victory is gained by such trust as a little child can entertain, a simple trusting and nothing more.

It is the key that unlocks heaven's gate and bids us enter in. The world will not be saved by helpers who come with the blast of trumpets and the blaze of human glory. God's great and best work of salvation begins in meekness and humility. While we think of the historic Savior and celebrate his birth with accustomed joy, let there be a moral birth also today for us, of Christ in our soul, the hope of glory; of Christ in our conscience; of Christ in our love; of Christ even in our calling. With new zeal, with new sincerity, with new consecration, let Christ be born in our heart, and in our life, "be all in all."

G. L. BANGHART.

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NORTH WEST ALBANY.

C. W. Rolfe visited his sons, H. and P. H. Rolfe at East Waterford last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Mills are guests of their daughter, Mrs. Hutchinson.

Chauncy Scribner has been here for a while and Rolfe.

Abel Andrews and Woodman Scribner were over the road with the roller, Saturday.

Allan Cummings and sister, Sylvia, were at E. W. Rolfe's day.

Mrs. Hannah Mason is staying her daughter, Mrs. Douglas, in Mason.

E. W. Rolfe has been working F. A. Bean in Mason.

G. B. Mills and grandchildren, and Ernest Rolfe, visited his daughter, Mrs. E. W. Rolfe, Sunday.

FRYEBURG.

Mrs. Moses Bemis of Lovell, Friday forenoon after a long illness of rheumatism. Mrs. Bemis was pleasantly remembered by many who and her husband kept the Amos House in Lovell many years. Mr. Bemis is very poorly.

Fryeburg Academy closed Friday after the holidays.

Each of the churches are in Christmas trees and entertainments for the children.

Mattie Abbott is at home from way on a vacation.

Mrs. Geo. Shirley was called to attend the funeral of her sister, Mrs. Moses Bemis in Lovell. Mrs. Shirley was visiting relatives in Cambridge Center.

Mrs. Dr. Marks (Leona Emerson) Milan, N. H., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Smith.

Mrs. Dr. Bidlon of Kezar Falls (Lia Turner) is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Sarah J. Allard on Elm St.

Our stores as usual are thronged Christmas shoppers.

Mr. Ekeley Stearns of Lovell, in town, Monday.

Mr. Nathaniel Walker, who has been for Mr. Wallace R. Tabor for years, has opened a repair shop in the building. Mr. Tabor closed out his harness business.

Edwin Page was in Portland Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Harsden went to Everett for a while.

Mr. Richardson has opened a graph parlor in the Jones block.

Stephen Abbott of Conway and Tholt, visited his mother, Mrs. M. Sunday.

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Merry Christmas.

The many, many customers of this store who have all helped to make this December the busiest month in the store's history, I wish to thank for the patronage and wish a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Should there be some gifts you have delayed procuring, you will find many useful and appropriate gifts for young or old in this store.

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GRAFTON.
Hawley Bartlett is hauling tim
ber from the Cambridge River from his
back street.

Mrs. Hollis Abbott of Upton
has been on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Black, of Port
land, were on this place hunting last
week and got four nice deer.

Mr. and Mrs. Black while on hunting one
week got a good big bob cat,
weighing 25 pounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Black, who drives a dry
cow, passed through town Thurs
day. Mr. Bartlett is working for Hol
mes in Upton.

We have put in a supply of
Rutland Wall Plaster
and beg to call the attention of the public to its superiority over
the common wall plaster.

Plaster works and spreads in all weathers and under all conditions,
does not injure by freezing. With it there is no cracking and crumb
ling. It gives firmness, smoothness and hardness. It is flexible and
will pay you to investigate.

WOODBURY & PURINGTON.
Bethel, Maine.

GROVER HILL.

The fine weather continues.
Clyde and Evander Whitman have
been cutting hollyhubs.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Wheeler from the
Flat, were in the place, Friday.

Guy Thurston from Bethel village
was in the place one day last week.

Arthur Browne is attending school at
Gould's again this term.

Mr. A. L. Whitman remains about
the same.

Mrs. Abel Whitman recently enter
tained two of her brothers from Dum
mer, N. H.

James Uhlman has traded for a two
seated sleigh.

NEWBY.

The Newby Dramatic Club played at
Hanover last Friday evening and al
though it was stormy, there was a good
crowd and a good time.

O. P. Smith from Mexico visited last
week at Henry Learned's.

John Allen has moved his family to
the Mrs. Wight house at Bethel, which
he bought some time ago.

Alvin Chapman from No. Bethel is
at work cutting timber for Rob. Enman.

EAST BETHEL.

Mr. P. D. Bartlett of Berlin, N. H.,
visited his relatives here last week.

Mrs. Fred C. Bean visited in Lewin
ton last Saturday.

Miss Rosie Greenwood is spending
Christmas week with friends here.

Mr. Lester Bean, who is teaching
in Vassalboro, Me., is spending a two
weeks' vacation at home here.

Mr. Wm. Bartlett recently visited at
Oldtown, Me.

Miss Amy Bartlett, who is teaching
in Hartford, Conn., is spending the
Xmas holidays at her home here.

Mr. Z. W. Bartlett has purchased the
Sawborn farm, situated near Middle
Intervale, for the timber land. He will
put up a mill and operate there this
winter. He has large contracts for the
pine, birch and hard wood lumber.

BRYANT'S POND.

Mrs. Albina Cole, who has been quite
feeble for a year or two is now very
ill.

The Christmas festival will be held at
the Baptist church this year.

Arthur J. Bartlett, who has been in
the printing office here for eighteen
months is now employed in the Lewin
ton Journal office.

J. R. Billings of Poland Springs was
in town over Sunday.

AS INTELLECTUAL AS OF OLD.

Boys of To-Day Are at Least as Smart
as Their Ancestors.

It is often asserted nowadays that
our young men and women attain in
tellectual maturity much later than
did their parents and grandparents,
and in support of this theory the pre
cocity of distinguished personages
who flourished a generation or two
ago is cited. Now somebody, who
has probably been bored, like the rest
of us, with this yarn about the phe
nomenal brightness of the old-fash
ioned boys, has looked up the records
of 11 leading colleges to see what
changes have taken place in the age
of graduates. From 1850 to 1860 the
average age at graduation was 23
years 1.3 months. From 1890 to 1900
it was 23 years 1.9 months. In 130
years at Dartmouth the average age
at graduation has fallen three months.
This average age, it appears, has
changed as little as the average weath
er. Thus one or two precocious
youths of the long ago are sufficient
to equate all their contemporaries with
the same qualities. But the fact is,
the twentieth century boy is smarter
than any of his predecessors, and fun
fortunately in nine cases out of ten
he knows it.

ALCOHOL UNDER OTHER NAMES.

Light Shed on Various Temperance
Beverages in England.

A board of experts has recently
made its report to the British gov
ernment on the temperance character
of temperance drinks sold in the
United Kingdom. It finds that many
of the most popular beverages coming
under this category contain all the
way from two to twelve per cent. of
alcohol. The British taxation laws
take no cognizance of beverages con
taining less than two per cent. of al
cohol, but three-quarters of the sam
ples of temperance drinks examined
by the board far exceeded that propor
tion.

Some apparently herb beers were
found to contain as much alcohol as
claret or Rhine wine. The English
public has been greatly surprised by
this report, and its capacity for aston
ishment in proof that England has had
no experience worth mentioning with
"stomachic bitters."

Our government, on the other hand,
as a result of investigation some years
ago, found that gin is another name
was drunk in quantities that defrauded
the internal revenue.

Cheerfulness of Englishmen.

If you ask any intelligent foreigner
what his chief impression of England
is he will invariably reply the cheer
fulness of the English. If any proof
were needed of the prevalent gloom it
would surely be found in the aston
ishment which the few remaining
cheerful people cause and the amazing
popularity they enjoy. Our sunny
friends and acquaintances can be
counted on our fingers; our dismal
ones are all around us. A really
cheerful Englishman is such a phe
nomenon that everybody asks his
wife if "he is always like that," and
refuses to believe her when she an
swers in the affirmative.—Lady Gor
don.

This Time He Was Right.

Pat was a new policeman on the
beat. He hadn't been over very long.
So one morning when a crazy woman
was executing a waltz dream on top
of an ash barrel Pat tried to think of
a sufficient excuse for arresting her.
The day before he had arrested a
man, but when he reached the station
house he had forgotten the reason for
the arrest. But the waltz continued
on the ash barrel and a large crowd of
men and boys had collected. So Pat
bravely stepped up.

"Madam, I arrest you! Yer a fraud
order, yer are! Yer stopping the
mules!"

Molasses and Sugar.

The term molasses is properly ap
plied to the saccharine product which
is separated from sugar in the process
of manufacture. A crop is the direct
product of the evaporation of the
juice of a sugaryielding plant or tree
without the removal of any of the
sugar. The term molasses applies to
the same process with the exception
of the fact that the sugar has been re
moved at least partially by crystalliza
tion and some kind of mechanical sepa
ration of the crystals from the re
maining liquid.

Old Mill Now a Tearoom.

Salvation windmill in Sussex,
England, has at length capitulated,
like so many others, in the fight
against steam milling, and has been
converted into a tearoom. It is now
earning more money as a tearoom
than it was as "its own trade" toward
the end of its career.

What's in a Name?

"Look here!" shouted the angry
man. "I asked for turtle soup, and
there isn't a morsel or even the flavor
of turtle in this soup!"

HOLIDAY SHOPPERS

ARE INVITED TO
Inspect our Stock.

Just what to purchase for Christmas is always a problem to many and a few timely sugges
tions seldom come amiss. No suggestion can prove more timely than that which leads the purchas
er to get the article which will prove of lasting value and hence bring lasting pleasure.

Our Christmas Tables Offer not a few, but Many of such Suggestions.

**They Glitter with Things of Beauty which
will Prove a Joy Forever.**

Thereon appear pretty and useful articles in Cut Glass—Haviland
China—Dinner Sets from \$10.00 to \$20.00—4 piece sets.
Bon Bon Dishes—Fancy Cups and Saucers—Bread and
Butter Sets—Coffees—Creamers—Water Sets, plain and
fancy—Commode Sets—Lamps—Shades—Fancy Smoking
Sets.

But what's the use to try and enumerate. The best we can do is invite all CHRISTMAS SHOP
PERS to come in and take a look at the contents of those tables. The Goods will do the rest.

**They can suggest more in a minute than we could
in a whole newspaper.**

ALL ARE CORDIALLY INVITED.

HASTINGS BROS.

BETHEL, MAINE.

PROBATE NOTICES.

To all persons interested in either of
the Estates hereinafter named:
At a Probate Court, held at Paris, in
and for the County of Oxford, on the
third Tuesday of December, in the year
of our Lord one thousand nine hundred
and eight. The following matter has
been presented for the action there
upon hereinafter indicated, it is hereby
Ordered:

That notice thereof be given to all
persons interested, by causing a copy
of this order to be published three
times successively in the Oxford
County Citizen newspaper published at
Bethel, in said County, that they may
appear at a Probate Court to be held
at said Paris, on the third Tuesday of
January, A. D. 1909, at 9 o'clock
in the forenoon, and be heard thereon if
they see cause.

Thomas O. Jordan late of Albany, de
ceased; will and petition for probate
thereof presented by Amos G. Bean, the
executor therein named.

Susan J. Robinson late of Andover,
deceased; will and petition for probate
thereof presented by William H. Rob
inson, the executor therein named.

Thomas N. Fushman late of Bethel, de
ceased; petition for license to sell and
convey real estate presented by James
S. Hotchkiss, administrator.

William L. Blake late of Bethel, de
ceased; petition for license to sell and
convey real estate presented by Fred
P. Bean, administrator.

Herbert W. Cummings late of Bethel,
deceased; petition for license to sell
and convey real estate presented by
Frank Cummings, administrator.

Helel L. Heath late of Bethel, de
ceased; first and private accounts pre
sented for allowance by Annie L. Heath,
administratrix.

Mary J. Thurston late of Bethel, de
ceased; first account presented for al
lowance by Jacob A. Thurston, exec
utor.

Annie E. Cummings late of Bethel,
deceased; petition that Frank Cum
mings or some other suitable person be
appointed as administrator of said es
tate presented by Harriet M. Upton
and William O. Straw, relatives of the
town of Bethel.

ADDISON E. HERRICK,
Judge of said Court.
A true copy—attest:
ALBERT D. PARK, Register.
12-24-08.

NOTICE.

The subscriber hereby gives notice
that he has been duly appointed ex
ecutor of the last will and testament of
Stephen Wight late of Gilead in the
County of Oxford deceased. All persons
having demands against the estate of said
deceased are desired to present the same
for settlement, and all indebted thereon
are requested to make payment im
mediately.

ALBERT D. WIGHT,
December 18th, 1908. 12-24-08

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BERS to sew on Leather Tops. Save your leath
er tops and have them stitched on new rubbers.**

**Women's and Children's Felt Shoes. Women's Felt
Shoes and Julietts.
REPAIRING PROMPTLY DONE.**

ALBANY.
W. A. Bragg of Bethel was in town
last week.

Fred Murphy of West Bethel is work
ing for George Conner.

Mrs. Ada Lord called on Mrs. T. H.
Hastings recently.

Charles Hastings, who has been work
ing for Aurora Merrill, has returned
to Bethel, to attend the winter term of
Gould's Academy.

Miss Estelle Bean visited her sister,
Mrs. Corn Davis, of North Waterford,
one day last week.

The snow rollers were out for the
first time this season the 19th.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1908.

What would the French courts
do without American witnesses?Those who do most in the world
are those who love most.—Elbert
Hubbard.There are few things harder to
suppress than a suppressed in-
terview.The most manifest sign of wis-
dom is continued cheerfulness.—
Montague.Any man ought to live 150
years says Prof. Metchnikoff. Nay-
say—we know a lot that ought to.Physicians now declare that
vegetables cause cancer. Then
why doesn't the potato bug get it?Now comes a historian to say
that Nero was not nearly so bad
as he was painted. This white-
washing fat seems to be going too
far back.The forest commissioner of New
York has reported that 90 per
cent. of the forest fires in that
state were caused by sparks from
locomotives.An advocate of the vegetarian
diet has stated that the nut trees
of the world are capable of sup-
plying food all the year to the
population of the globe.It seems that the new postage
stamp which Postmaster General
Meyer is about to issue will be
something in the nature of a res-
toration of an old design, rather
than an entirely new one. There
is occasion for popular congratula-
tion that the fine old Houdon pro-
file of Washington, which is the
best and most distinguished ever
produced, is to come back after
five years of retirement to recen-
ter the position it held for half a
century. It goes back not only
to the twelfth stamp, but on the
nine other higher denominations,
leaving the profile of Franklin on
the one-cent stamp, where it has
remained from the first.

A NEW INDUSTRY.

It is quite possible that a new
and important industry will be de-
veloped in this country. There has
been considerable effort, national
and state, looking to the protec-
tion of game animals and the pre-
servation of species that have be-
come well nigh extinct through
the waste permitted in earlier
years. Now a step ahead may be
taken. The federal government,
through the department of agri-
culture, is giving the matter at-
tention. The department pro-
poses to aid the people in going
into the business of producing
venison for profit. A circular has
been sent forth in which the fol-
lowing recommendations are
made: "As a result of the grow-
ing scarcity of the supply of venison
is wholly inadequate to the de-
mands, and the time seems oppor-
tune for developing the industry
of deer farming, which may be
made profitable alike to the state
and to the individual engaged
thereto. The raising of venison
for market is a legitimate busi-
ness as the growing of beef or
pork, and state laws, when pro-
hibitory as many of them are,
should be modified so to encour-
age the industry. Furthermore,
deer and elk may be raised to ad-
vantage on rough, brushy ground
and for other agriculture or
stock raising, thus utilizing for
profit much land that is now
waste. An added advantage is
that the business is well adapted
to landowners of small means."
Several gentlemen who have at-
tempted to raise deer for the mar-
ket report that they have had very
satisfactory returns. And if deer,
why not buffalo and other ani-
mals?

GOVERNMENT HELP IN
FIGHTING FIRE.The methods of preventing for-
est fires employed by the service

are simple and depend for their
success mainly upon eternal vigi-
lance. The areas included in the
boundaries of the reserves are
constantly patrolled by a force of
rangers and guards. During the
past summer the men thus em-
ployed numbered about thirteen
hundred. The average area that
each was required to protect was
more than a hundred and twenty
thousand acres, says the Crafts-
man. The forester realizes that
this is too much ground for one
man to cover properly, but con-
gress has not made the funds av-
ailable for the employment of a
larger force. Roads and trails are
constructed in order to facilitate
rapid travel from one part of the
reserve to another and to expedite
the massing of large numbers,
as well as to furnish vantage
points from which to conduct the
fight against the flames. Tele-
phone lines connect ranger's sta-
tions with headquarters in order
that fires may be quickly reported
and prompt measures adopted to
extinguish them. During the
last fiscal year 160 miles of road,
33 miles of trail and 3,500 miles of
telephone line were constructed
in the national forests. The of-
ficers of the service now receive
the most ready assistance from
persons living in the vicinity of
the reserves and especially from
stockmen and others who use the
forests under permits. The latter
are required by the terms of the
agreement for grazing or lum-
bering to extend all possible as-
sistance in case of fire; the former
are beginning to appreciate the
fact that the forests are the prop-
erty of the people and that any
damage inflicted upon them must
entail a loss to the people at large
and most directly to the local resi-
dents.

NORWAY WATER SYSTEM
AGAIN.

Last week we intimated upon
several thousand Oxford County
people, who are weekly readers
of the Oxford County Citizen, a
long, and what seemed to us must
prove, a tiresome report of our
findings in our recent investiga-
tion of the Norway Water System,
and though we entertained some
doubts as to whether our readers
would care enough about our
findings to wade through said re-
port, it is evident that at least one
of them did, because our atten-
tion has been called to an article,
published in the last issue of the
Oxford Democrat, entitled, "On
Mr. Bowler's Investigation," and
signed by Charles N. Bowker,
chief of the South Paris Fire De-
partment.

NORWAY WATER SYSTEM
AGAIN.

When we announced our inten-
tion to make an investigation con-
cerning this much talked of ques-
tion, into which we did not en-
ter of our own initiative, but had
been drawn, through the accept-
ance for publication in our col-
umns of various articles furnish-
ed by people interested in the
South Paris end of the matter, we
announced that we would make as
full and fair investigation as pos-
sible, and present things precisely
as we found them or as they
appeared to us.

We determined that through-
out that investigation, and the re-
port which should follow, the two
contending parties should recog-
nize no less a motive than to pre-
sent as fair and honest a state-
ment of facts, and draw as care-
ful and conscientious conclusions,
as would be possible for any man
to do, acting under the principle
which we hope to lay bare in all
of our public and private actions,
of answering only to the dictates
of an honest conscience, regard-
less of the consequences. It is
very evident from the article by
Mr. Bowker that he, at least,
realizes in our report a very differ-
ent motive than we had, and had
to manifest. He evidently sees
behind the article a man who is in-
terested in the Norway Water
Company and has, under the pre-
text of honest investigation, taken
up the cudgel in behalf of said
company. For he says we have
ignored facts known to 488 vot-
ers in the South Paris Village Cor-
poration and adds, "I do think
South Paris people actually know
about our own affairs a great deal
more accurately than a man who
comes in here and gathers infor-
mation for the Water Company,
whose whole aim has been prof-
it."

Kerosene and kerosene have no
place in honest discussion of hon-
est subjects. An important les-
son which many fail to learn is,
that honest men may, without sub-
jecting themselves to just criti-
cism of unfairness, differ on
matters of importance to each
other, and we betray a trust that
we would have the world place in
us when we cannot recognize that
fact and allow people to differ
with us in judgment and conclu-

sions without challenging their
sincerity. It seems, that because we draw
conclusions which were not an-
ticipated by Mr. Bowker, he would
have the public believe, that we
had arrived at those conclu-
sions, not after an honest inves-
tigation on our own part, but
rather while acting as an agent
for the Norway Water Company.
We are suffering no anxiety con-
cerning this insinuation, because
we are aware that the right think-
ing men of Norway and South
Paris do not entertain this idea;
and we are aware too, that no
agent of any cause can strength-
en said cause by resorting to this
kind of argument. Such argu-
ments betray a weakness. You
are a nice fellow as long as what
you say suits me, but when you
drop a word which I do not like,
then you have taken leave of your
integrity and entered the service
of the other fellow for profit,
would seem to be the principle in-
volved.

We said we entered into this
investigation, not of our own in-
itiative. The facts in the case may
not come amiss at this time. By
referring to our files, we find that,
during the past summer, various
articles have been sent to us for
publication from South Paris con-
cerning the Norway Water Com-
pany. For six weeks in succession
we published matter, some very
pointed and spiteful. This was
accepted from our South Paris
correspondents as representing
the situation and used. Again
when the material for our recent
supplement was obtained the
much talked of communication
from Mr. Morton was presented
and used, and as previously ex-
plained in our columns, not even
then did the Norway Water Com-
pany attack us, but it remained
for two of our friends in Norway,
who are not stockholders in the
Norway Water Company, to re-
mind us that the principles, which
they considered had governed us
in our dealings with public ques-
tions in the past, should require us
to investigate matters a bit before
we carried the cudgel for South
Paris any longer on the water
question.

It was then and there that we
resolved to make our investiga-
tion, and though we made it as
honestly and carefully and fairly
as we were able to do, and
though we commended where
commendation was due, and criti-
cized where criticism was just-
ified, yet, as we felt obliged to take
a somewhat different view of present
conditions than we had been
allowing our correspondents to
take in our columns during the
past few months, our motive is
questioned.

Now, honestly, Mr. Bowker,
what would you have had us say
in our report? Would you have
had us strain a point, or as many
points as would have been neces-
sary, to convince our readers that
the system today is what it was
last July? Would you, because
we have seemed to have carried
the cudgel for South Paris in this
water fight, take leave of our sense
of honor, and temporize conscience
so that we might justify our-
selves in saying that the condition
has not been improved? If you
would, then you do not know your
man, because no man can truth-
fully say that conditions have not
been improved.

There were but two matters
of importance concerning the con-
troversy which we touched, that
of pressure and quality of water.
As to the pressure question, we
did base our conclusions largely
upon Mr. Sleeper's report, as
this was a natural thing to do.
Perhaps we did err a bit in our
phrasing, when in referring
to that report, we said it contained
a report of actual conditions as
found. That, of course was an
assumption on our part. We pre-
tend to know nothing of the actual
conditions except as reported by
Mr. Sleeper and substantiated by
Norway and South Paris people.
We do affirm, however, that no
less than a dozen people at South
Paris told us that the results of
the tests by Mr. Sleeper were
practically as reported by him;
and from these facts, together
with our limited knowledge of
hydraulics, we drew our conclu-
sions, and while we are not put-
ting up any argument for any
water company, we submit that
with two reservoirs, with a capac-
ity for nearly two million gallons
of water, and an elevation of 187
feet the laws of hydraulics will de-
fend the conclusion, that, with
proper hose connections, a suffi-
cient stream or streams of water
can be had for ordinary fire pro-
tection. On the other hand, in case
of a conflagration the system
would no doubt prove inadequate,
as would the systems in practical
use on the villages in Maine.

As regards the 95 pounds pres-
sure reported by Mr. Sleeper, we
know nothing. We only know
that, with the elevations which
are claimed to be had, and the res-
ervoirs filled with water, there
should be practically 85 pounds
pressure, and this we found re-
corded by the water gauge at
Norway.

Reference is made to the fact
that the pump was working when
Mr. Sleeper made his tests, and
it is intimated that he did not
know said pump to be working.
The statement was made to us be-
fore we issued the report, but we
were told by the water company
that the pump was working, and
that he knew it was working, for
he says, "the pump being beyond
the reservoir would not add very
much pressure." We, therefore,
eliminated that feature from our
discussions.

Mr. Bowker in his article brings
up the fact of the desire of South
Paris to have its own water sys-
tem. This suggestion, though ad-
dressed to us, does not concern us
in the least. We are aware that
this is the vital question at issue,
but we did not touch it in any
way in our report because it does
not concern us in any way. We are
well aware that it is none of our
business what South Paris does,
and we do not intend to make it
such. Certainly, if the South
Paris Village Corporation, or at
least 488 of its 488 voters, are
thoroughly convinced that the
time has come when they should
own their own water system,
then they should take steps forth-
with to obtain their own water
system, and we assure them that
the editor of The Oxford County
Citizen will never lift his hand to
prevent such action.

Of course it is better for any town
and all towns, if it is possible for
them to do so, to own their own
public utilities, but we submit
to the honest common sense of the
people of South Paris, that, be-
cause our correspondents have
drawn us into a discussion, and
made it necessary for us to inves-
tigate concerning the present con-
ditions as regards pressure and
quality of water in the two vil-
lages, this affords no justification
to the chief of the South Paris
Fire Department in his attempt
to lead the people of South Paris
to believe that we are opposed to
South Paris taking steps to own
its own water system?

Reference is made in Mr. Bow-
ker's article, to the test made on
December 17, with the three
streams from one hydrant on the
house recently purchased by Mr.
Farrar, and he claims that water
could not be thrown to the eaves.
We know nothing about the lo-
cation of Mr. Farrar's residence,
but if information which has come
to us in regard to pressure is
true, there must have been some
unfavorable conditions connected
with the test in question, and our
reasoning brings us to the conclu-
sion that the hydrant from which
the three streams were taken must
have been supplied by a small
pipe, because, if proper feed pipes
had been connected with the hy-
drant, a different result could but
have been obtained and, if our
reasoning is correct, we submit
that such a test to be used as an
example of what the system will
do is not a fair one. On the other
hand, we grant that it is possible
that the tests which have
been made by the Water Company
may have been made under the
most favorable circumstances, and
may also show an exaggeration.
It is the system as a whole, and
not what it will do under the
most favorable conditions or what
it will not do under the most ad-
verse conditions, that determines
its usefulness.

We have tried in our reference
to the matter, to confine ourselves
to the system as a whole, and not
throw too much weight upon re-
sults which have been produced
under extraordinary conditions
by either of the interested parties,
and despite the fact that our re-
port seems to be received with so
much dissatisfaction by South
Paris people, yet we submit to
those 488 people of South Paris,
whom we presume are fair minded
people, that we have drawn our
conclusions from what we con-
sidered the most reliable infor-
mation which we could obtain, and
that an honest consideration of
the workings of the system today,
as shown by the two tests which
have been made, one by the Water
Company and one by Paris people,
compared with the conditions
which we reported in our last is-
sue will not reveal such a depa-
rture from facts in our report as to
justify any feeling on the part
of those 488 people that we have
sold our influence to the Norway
Water Company.

PERTINENT POINTS PERTAINING
PRACTICAL PRESENTS.Merry will be the Christmas and Happy
will be the New YearIf your holiday purchases include some of the things that are fundamen-
tally necessary to the merriment and happiness that lasts not only through
the to-days but through the tomorrows as well.

If such you would have inspect my line of

Ladies' and Gent's Fur Coats.
Ladies' and Gent's Fur Caps.
Ladies' and Gent's Fur Mitts
and gloves.And then if you would be truly merry and glad and fully enjoy those
anticipated sleigh rides the JINGLE, JINGLE, JINGLE of a
DANDY SET OF NEW SLEIGH BELLS will make you so
while a NICE FUR ROBE and one of those CARRIAGE
HEATERS will keep you as warm and make you feel as snug as a bug
in a rug.

You can get a complete outfit and be made happy at

YOUNG'S,
Bethel, Maine.Collector's Advertisement of Sale of Lands of Non-
Resident Owners.
STATE OF MAINE.Unpaid taxes on lands situated in the Town of Bethel, in the County of
Oxford, for the year 1908.The following list of taxes on real estate of non-resident owners in the town of
Bethel aforesaid, for the year 1908, committed to me for collection for said
Town on the twenty-fifth (25) day of May, 1908, remain unpaid; and notice
is hereby given that if said taxes with interest and charges are not previously
paid, so much of the real estate taxed as is sufficient to pay the amount due
thereof, including interest and charges, will be sold without further notice
at public auction at Odson Hall in said Town, on the first Monday in
February, 1909, at nine o'clock a. m.

NAME OF OWNER.	DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.	AMOUNT OF TAX DUE, INCLUDING INTEREST AND CHARGES.
Benjamin W. Kinsall.	One-half of Dunham Lot.	\$1.50
Z. J. Wheeler.	The Wheeler Meadow Lot.	1.50
Asa Young.	House Lot on Church Street.	8.00

December 14, 1908.

FRED B. HOWE, Collector of Taxes of the Town of Bethel.

Collector's Advertisement of Sale of Lands
of Non-Resident Owners.
STATE OF MAINE.Unpaid taxes on lands situated in the Town of Newry, in the County of
Oxford, for the year 1908.The following list of taxes on real estate of non-resident owners in the town of
Newry aforesaid, for the year 1908, committed to me for collection for said
Town on the fourth (4) day of May, 1908, remain unpaid; and notice
is hereby given that if said taxes with interest and charges are not previously
paid, so much of the real estate taxed as is sufficient to pay the amount due
thereof, including interest and charges, will be sold without further notice
at public auction at Smith's Hall in said Town, on the first Monday in
February, 1909, at nine o'clock a. m.

NAME OF OWNER.	DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.	AMOUNT OF TAX DUE, INCLUDING INTEREST AND CHARGES.
Barker, A. W., heirs of, Johnston, Frank.	The Barker lots, so-called, containing 300 acres, Lot No. 10 in Range No. 1 on the east side of Bear River, containing 100 acres.	\$10.00
Mason, Frank; Mason, Herman and Byrd, Sarah.	The A. N. and Melvin Stone tract, containing 1200 acres.	67.50

December 14, 1908.

D. C. SMITH, Collector of Taxes of the Town of Newry.

Collector's Advertisement of Sale of Lands
of Non-Resident Owners.
STATE OF MAINE.Unpaid taxes on lands situated in the Town of Albany, in the County of Oxford,
for the year 1908.The following list of taxes on real estate of non-resident owners in the Town of Al-
bany aforesaid, for the year 1908, committed to me for collection for said Town on the
twenty-fifth day of April, 1908, remain unpaid; and notice is hereby given that if said
taxes with interest and charges are not previously paid, so much of the real estate taxed
as is sufficient to pay the amount due thereof, including interest and charges, will be sold
without further notice at public auction at Town House in said Town on the first Mon-
day in February, 1909, at nine o'clock a. m.

NAME OF OWNER.	DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.	AMOUNT OF TAX DUE, INCLUDING INTEREST AND CHARGES.
Frederic Bates.	Lot No. 7 in Range No. 1, containing 100 acres.	\$11.75

December 15, 1908.

GEO. CUMMINGS, Collector of Taxes of the Town of Albany.

GRANGE MEETING
HELD IN CANTON.

New Century Farmers Grange met
with Canton Grange Wednesday with a
good attendance. This being the an-
nual meeting the following officers were
elected for the coming year: Master,
John Bailey, Assistant Master, R. L.
Torrey, Discharge, Edward, Mr. Goggin,
West Park; Chaplain, Rev. J. G. Fish-
er; Secretary, Lester, Lewis Thomas,
Mazoe; Assistant Steward, H. H. Mich-
ards, Byron; L. A. Steward, Ross Smith,
Discharge; Gate Keeper, L. E. Irish,
Harris Trunk, A. F. Russell, Cantons
Sec. A. J. Eastman, Dixfield; Es-
sons, Mrs. John Bailey, Andover;
Cores, Hortense Torrey, Dixfield; Flora,
Mrs. Silene Goding, Canton. The of-
ficers were ably installed by R. D.
Leavitt of Turner, who also made in-
teresting remarks. An enjoyable program
was furnished which consisted of a
reading by Mrs. S. A. Childs, Canton;
songs by J. M. Ludden, Dixfield; Leon
Nally, Andover, and Mrs. Nally, vocal of
Canton Point; recitation, W. H. East-
man of East Sumner. The next meet-
ing will be held with West Park Grange
the second Wednesday in January.
*Mabel Carver is boarding with Mrs.
G. Hayford.

Commission Merchants.

The advertisements below represent some of the leading houses of New England. Our readers will doubtless find this column valuable.

APPLES WANTED

We are netting \$2.50 a barrel for NUMBER ONE, BALDWIN and GREENINGS and SPIES. Prospects good.

PROVIDENCE BROKERAGE CO.

Providence, R. I. 9-17-08.

HALL & COLE

Fruit and Produce Commission Merchants. Apples and Cranberries our specialties. 100-102 FANEUIL HALL MARKET, 9-17 3 m. BOSTON.

HOLDEN BROS.

Established 1881. 35 Market St., Boston, Mass. PREMIUM PRICES Paid for Fancy Store and Heavy Eggs, Fine Creamery and Dairy Butter. We also have a steady demand for Fine Poultry, Fancy Apples, etc. Give us your consignments. 9-17 3 m.

SHIP YOUR

APPLES, POTATOES, EGGS, POULTRY, GAME, BERRIES, Etc., to Chapin Bros., Boston, 9-17 3 m.

LIVE POULTRY WANTED.

Brewster's Specialty. Standard Poultry Coops. Prompt Returns at Topmarket prices. Strictly Commission. BOSTON LIVE POULTRY CO. Ref. 4th Nat'l Bank. 77-79 Fulton St., Boston. 9-17 3 m.

POULTRY WANTED.

HYDE, WHEELER CO. (Established 1864.) 41 North Market St., Boston, Mass. Can get top market prices and will make prompt returns for VEAL - LAMB - POULTRY - EGGS

APPLES WANTED.

Premium paid for strictly fancy APPLES. Also receives Poultry, Eggs and all Farm Products. Prompt Returns. BOURNE & CO., INC. 9-24 10 t. Boston, Mass.

VEAL AND POULTRY WANTED.

PROMPT RETURNS. F. I. WESTON CO., New Faneuil Hall Market, Boston. Shipping tags furnished on application. TRY US On Your Shipments of Apples, Potatoes, Live Poultry, etc. IMMEDIATE RETURNS. W. W. BENJAMIN, Boston, Mass. 9-17 3 m.

WANTED FRESH EGGS.

Premium paid for henry eggs. Best Prices, give us a trial. Prompt Returns. F. M. BILL CO., Boston, Mass. Importers, Wholesale Grocers and Commission Merchants. 10-22 10 t.

POULTRY WANTED.

James Bryden Co., Inc. The Corner Commission House Established 1856, 41 North Market St., Boston, Mass. can get top market prices for Veal, Lamb, Live and Dressed Poultry, Butter, Eggs and Farm Products. We supply you with market reports, shipping tags, etc., and return your empires free. Prompt and honest returns guaranteed. 10-22 10 t.

LIVE POULTRY WANTED.

We are paying 12 cents to 15 cents per lb. for pullets, 10 cents to 12 cents for hens, 12 cents to 15 cents for chickens. Immediate returns. Eggs wanted. No Commission. The Park & Pollard Co., 29 Canal St., Boston, Mass. 10-22 10 t.

APPLES.

If you can do a Nice Clean Job Packing Apples, we can do just as clean a job selling these apples. Let's get together. What's your name? G. M. Houghton & Co., 25 Clinton St., Boston. 10-22 10 t.

MEXICO AND RIDLONVILLE.

The Week's News as Gathered by our Special Correspondent

Mr. A. W. Wakefield was in town a few days last week on business and stopped at the home of J. L. Smart. Mr. Wakefield has been in Enfield for the last few weeks, called there by the illness and death of a brother. He returns to Bath to spend the Christmas holidays with his son and his family.

Claude Brown, wife and son, left Tuesday morning for their home in Balston Spa, N. Y., to spend the Christmas and New Years holidays with their parents.

The schools have closed for a two weeks' recess, and the teachers have gone to their homes for a much needed rest.

Miss Addie Whitman was confined at home last week by illness.

Mrs. Arthur Tucker is working in G. A. Peabody's store, during the Xmas holidays.

S. O. Dorr has been ill for the past two weeks of a bad attack of the grip.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hall drove to South Paris last week on a business and pleasure trip, returning Sunday night.

Mrs. Wm. Childs and Mrs. Carson Beedy spent Sunday with relatives at Smith's Crossing.

Mrs. Guy Caldwell spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. E. A. Beedy.

Arthur Richards and family left last of the week for Strong, Me., where they intend to spend the winter. Mr. Richards will engage in lumbering operations.

Fred Holt has sold the place he recently purchased of Edward Holland, to Lyman L. Haines and Mr. Haines will take possession January 1st. Mr. Holt has engaged the upper part in Mr. Leon Haines' house on the Harlow Hill road.

Alphens Packard and wife of Canton are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Archie Gleason.

It has been reported that Mr. and Mrs. Chester Knox and Mrs. Wm. Childs were going to Malden, where Mr. Childs has a position, but plans have been changed and they do not expect to go this winter.

Frank Chabot, who is occupying the Wakefield house on Kimball Ave., is breaking up housekeeping on account of the ill health of his wife and they are going to her home in Fall River.

Henry Holt is ill of diphtheria at his home on the Roxbury road. Two of the brothers have now had this disease within a few weeks of each other.

Christmas Sunday was appropriately observed at the Baptist church by a Christmas sermon by the pastor and special Christmas music.

The pupils of the third, fourth and fifth grades of the Kimball School, under the direction of Miss Deal and Miss Clark, gave a very interesting entertainment with a prettily decorated tree in Miss Deal's room on Friday last. There were organ, mandolin and violin selections, vocal solos, duets and recitations by the pupils, which were rendered nicely and the parents and guests all united in voting it one of the best given. After the entertainment of the parents on the tree, mostly made by the children, were distributed.

All the young people who are away at college and normal school are coming home this week for the Christmas holidays. Most of them having a two days vacation. Miss Deal's friends from the Lawrence High School, Edna Reynolds and Anna Bean from Central Normal, and Mary Watson from Worcester, Wallace Gleason from U. of M., Edgar L. Clark, Haddon, Barnard Richards from Haddon, and well be glad to welcome them home.

Mr. J. J. Deane went to Lewiston Monday to spend two or three days with his father.

The Christmas tree and carol of the congregational church will be held this Thursday evening and all are invited to attend and enjoy it with the children. On Christmas afternoon the children of Mr. Haddon's parish will have their Christmas tree and carol in the church. On Sunday morning and evening the Christmas carols, entitled "Adventures and King, by Carrie Adams, will be given, which promises a very fine service. Welcome to all.

Mrs. Fred Parsons is confined to the house this week with a very severe cold.

On account of the great meeting of the New England Baptists to Boston, Dec. 10th and 11th, the Quarterly Meeting of the Oxford Baptist Association, and the Uniting Council for the examination and installation of Rev. Mr. McKee at Bryant's Pond was postponed until Dec. 16th and 17th. Fine and interesting talks and sermons were given by such well known ministers as Rev. A. T. Salley, H. S. Hanson, M. S. Howes, A. R. Crane, D. D. J. W. Chas. and D. W. Kimball.

Ralph Penley, a brother of Thomas Penley, was the victim of quite an accident the latter part of last week. While driving his horse and carriage, he was thrown out against the water-curtain through a Congress St., and breaking his limb in several places. He was taken to the home of H. O. Gleason on

Roxbury Ave., and medical attendance was summoned.

Wallace Gleason of U. of M., came home Saturday for the Christmas vacation.

Mrs. Etta Richards returned Saturday to South Paris, to open the winter term of school.

Annie McLaughlin is working at the Red Cross Pharmacy during the holidays.

The hose tower and hose houses being built by Cyrus L. Howard are completed, one on Granite St., and one on Whitman St.

Mrs. W. W. Goodwin has been the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Mary Butterfield of Canton for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Stevens will entertain their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Stevens at Christmas dinner and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Johnson at ten.

Next Saturday evening will be the regular meeting of the Swift River Grange with the annual election of officers.

Program of the Christmas Concert and Entertainment to be rendered by the Mexico Baptist Sunday School and choir in connection with the Christmas tree and appearance of Santa Claus at the Baptist church on Thursday evening, Christmas eve, Dec. 24th at 7:30 p. m.

Anthem, Hark The Herald Angels Sing—Christmas Greeting—Hazel Furbush. A Christmas Wish—Hazel Mason. Father Time—Shirley Brown. A Song of Christmas—Mildred Hill. Music, Merry Christmas to All—Choir. A Strange Old Man—Harold Howard. A Christmas Fairy—Fannie Furbush. Christmas Joy—Clarence Furbush. The Christmas Story—Inez Vaughn. Duets, Ring Ye The Bells—Retha Perkins and Lottie Klinear. Just Before Christmas—Ina Pratt. Too Tight—Tammie Howard. A Problem—Muriel Babb. A Christmas Ball—Clara Kempton. Song, Lonely Stockings—Raymond Richards. One Starry Night—Clifford Henry. Little Bob and Santa Claus—Eather Pratt. What Grandpa Said—Mona Thompson. If Santa Was My Pa—Kenneth Brown. Song—Hazel Dowling. When Santa Claus Comes—Florence Klinear. The New Diary—Raymond Henry. Mary's Little Lamb—Marion Thompson. Our Guides—Vivian Copp. Music, When Jesus Was Born—Choir. A Wee Little Girl—Florence Esther Etheridge. Her Father and Her Mother Knew—Beatrice Childs. A New Stamp—Harry Fisher. Santa Claus Land—Oliver Furbush. Duets, Billows of Joy—Leonard Kelley, Harold Mason. Recitation—Long Pen I Knew Who Santa Claus Was—Gloria Henry. Christmas Eve—Evelyn Fisher. Song—Merrile Braden. What Father Me—Helen Klinear. The Refracted Light—Clifford Pearson. Music, Duet, Bells of Christmas—Mrs. Florence Palmer. Mrs. F. A. Perkins. A Christmas Gift—Francis Fisher. Santa Claus of a Christmas Gift—Gladys Pratt. Music, The Song of the Wise Men—Choir.

WEST SUMNER. They 12 North spent Friday night with his parents.

There was a angel dance at the Y. M. C. A. on Friday night.

Mr. Harry Furbush from Dixfield, visited his mother, last week.

There were two new members who joined the W. R. C. on Saturday of last week.

T. East and family visited at H. T. Heath's Sunday.

There will be a dance at the Vestry on Christmas night.

Herbert Heath is hauling pulp to Rockford for Mr. Foster.

RUMFORD POINT.

Preparations are being made for a Christmas tree at the schoolhouse on Friday night. It is hoped all who can will help to make it a good time for old and young.

Chas. Baker has returned from Canada, where he went to work in the woods.

Mrs. Black of Eastport has been staying with Wm. Reed's family for a time.

CANTORIA.

Miss Stella Mitchell spent Sunday with her aunt, Mrs. Edna Hollis.

E. O. Bassett hatched a hog one day last week that dressed 571 pounds.

M. M. Howard went to Lewiston Thursday to see his daughter, who underwent an operation for appendicitis. Her many friends will be pleased to hear that she is gaining rapidly and will be able to return home in a short time.

Bookmakers Grange will hold a Christmas dinner at their hall and have a tree and entertainment in the afternoon, for the children.

One case of chicken pox reported in this place.

As John Russell was coming from Black Mountain with a load of logs

CANTON HAPPENINGS.

As Observed and Told by the Citizen Reporter.

Lila Gilbert has been the guest of her brother, R. N. Gilbert of Ridlonyville for the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Coolidge of Lebanon Falls visited at Dr. C. A. Coolidge's and D. B. Dearborn's this week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. York have been visiting relatives at Livermore Falls.

Mrs. Franklin Smith and daughter, Hazel, have returned to their home in Oxford.

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. White were at Waterville last week.

Frank L. Whittier of Gorham is visiting Mrs. Lily A. Davis.

Mrs. E. W. Howe of Rumford was in town Thursday.

Roscoe Lowell and family have moved to Gliberville.

Hornee Newman has returned from Auburn.

Mrs. Anna Berry and son of North Leeds was a recent guest of Mrs. Sarah Coburn and daughter.

B. W. Jackson is at work for Fred Johnson in his barber shop.

Mrs. L. B. Smith went to Lewiston last week and entered the C. M. G. Hospital, where she submitted to a surgical operation, having one of her eyes removed. Last report of her condition is that she is getting along as well as can be expected.

Miss Ethel Stetson passed away at her home in Hartford Wednesday morning at 3:30 o'clock after a long illness of typhoid fever followed by a relapse. She was twenty years of age and was the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis C. Stetson, who with three brothers, Elsie L., Floyd and Ralph survive her. The funeral services were held Friday at 12:30 o'clock. The death of Miss Stetson is a sad blow to her family who have the heartfelt sympathy of all in their hour of bereavement.

J. Alton Reynolds returned home from Boston Friday to spend the holidays.

G. F. Towle is able to be out.

Mabel Goding returned home from Sanford, Saturday for a two weeks' vacation.

C. C. Dunn and family have moved to Hartford.

Mrs. N. P. Records has been visiting at North Turner.

Leslie Strait is at work for Dr. P. W. Morse.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Richardson visited at Livermore Falls, Monday.

Mrs. G. L. Wadlin visited at Rumford Thursday.

The Lucky Friday Club met with Mrs. Geo. Strait, Friday evening.

Mildred Smith has gone to Rumford to work.

H. Frank Richardson has been visiting relatives in Livermore Falls for several days.

S. C. Hall has returned from a hunting trip.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Carline of Hartford have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Oldham and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Dillingham.

A Russell and wife of Northboro, have moved to the town over Reynolds' drug store.

L. B. Rowe is at work in the teaching mill at Dixfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Packard are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Archie Gleason of Mexico.

And Now What Is Time to a Hog FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS

40 dozen Men's Heavy Homespun, Home Knit Stocking in black at 65 cents per pair. For Christmas, Men's above the knee Homespun All Wool Leggings, black, \$1.25, gray, \$1.50. Moccasins, Rubbers, Felts, and other Hot Stuff for cold feet and hands such as Gloves and Mittens.

The Little Yellow Store, Rumford

I. W. ALLEN.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS Should be Useful.

Buy one of us. We have the largest and best lot of

Carving Sets, Pocket Knives, Scissors, Snow Shoes, Skates Etc. in Town.

Stanley Bisbee. Rumford.

I am now located in the shop formerly owned and occupied by the W. I. White Building Co. where I shall continue my business and sell out the stock of Doors, Sashes Etc. that were in Mr. White's stock. These goods will be sold at very low prices.

Remember this is now the place to get RUBBEROID ROOFING.

the best on the market.

V. A. Linnell, Rumford Falls

SEND TO

Alton L. Grant FOR Confectionery Fruit and Ice Cream

Special Attention given to Mail Orders.

Ice Cream for Parties, Balls and Receptions furnished at short notice.

CATERING OF ALL KINDS A SPECIALTY.

Alton L. Grant CONFECTIONER and CATERER 116 Lisbon St., Lewiston, Me.

TELEPHONE CONNECTION.

Friday, when he got on a bridge he had to cross, one of the stringers gave way and he and his load was dumped into the brook. He received no injury, just a cold bath.

Mrs. H. E. Williams spent the past week with her daughter, Mrs. Edna Roll.

George and Hazel cannot now haul any more for Holman Brothers, from the Oxford lot.

Richardson's Garage held their regular meeting Saturday, the third and fourth days being worked on one candidate.

The question "Why not a Grange?" and what benefit do I receive?" was argued by Sister Laura Walker, and only answered by the members who are officers will be continued at the next meeting. Jan. 2nd, by Sister H. E. Williams and we hope to see a good number present.

Year's Egg-Laying Contest. The figures for 12 months of the 12 months' egg-laying contest of the Udding Poultry Club are published. The competing pens, each containing six pullets of a pure breed, are housed separately with double grass runs. The following are the total number of eggs laid by each pen:

First pen, white Wyandottes, 947; second ditto, 950; third ditto, 854; fourth ditto, 874; fifth, buff Plymouth Rocks, 872; sixth, white Wyandottes, 869; seventh, black Wyandottes, 829; eighth, buff Plymouth Rocks, 832; ninth, white Leghorns, 784; tenth, white Wyandottes, 723; eleventh, barred Plymouth Rocks, 752; twelfth, white Wyandottes, 748; thirteenth, white La Bresse, 767; fourteenth, Houdans, 847; fifteenth, white Leghorns, 871; sixteenth, white Leghorns, 846; seventeenth, white Leghorns, 828; eighteenth, white Wyandottes, 829; nineteenth, buff Plymouth Rocks, 819; twentieth, Partridge Wyandottes, 823. The highest number of eggs laid during the month of September was by a pullet in the first Plymouth Rock pen—viz., 22. In five months this bird has laid 120 eggs.—London Mail.

To Keep from Growing Old. Many women become middle aged from the simple reason that they allow middle-aged habits to steal upon them and relapse into a state of physical indolence just at a time when they should fight against this tendency.

As John Russell was coming from Black Mountain with a load of logs

preventives against growing middle aged," says a charming woman of 40 whose unwrinkled face and slim figure give her the appearance of being at least 15 years younger than her age. "are cheerfulness, a strict termination not to worry over trifles and a sense of humor that saves from depression. A cold tub every morning, a walk every day in rain or sun, face massage with cream at night, ten minutes' physical exercise immediately on rising, and a glass of hair tonic to stimulate growth, will keep any woman from wrinkles and will preserve the contour of her figure."

STATE OF MAINE.

COUNTY OF OXFORD, ss.

November 30, A. D. 1908.

Taken this thirtieth day of November, A. D. 1908, on execution dated the fourth day of November, A. D. 1908, issued on a judgment, rendered by the Supreme Judicial Court for the County of Penobscot, at the term thereof begun and held on the first Tuesday of October, A. D. 1908, to-wit, on the thirty-first day of October, A. D. 1908, in favor of James F. Gerrity of Bangor in the County of Penobscot, against George L. Stephens of Woodstock in our County of Oxford, for fifty-three dollars and forty-six cents, debt or damages, and nine dollars and seventy-seven cents costs of suit, and will be sold at public auction at the law office of Herrick and Park in Bethel in said County of Oxford, to the highest bidder, on the fourteenth day of January, A. D. 1909, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, the following described real estate and all the right, title and interest which the said George L. Stephens has and had in and to the same on the fifteenth day of July, A. D. 1908, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, the time when the same was attached on the writ in the same suit, to-wit:—a certain piece or parcel of land situated in Greenwood in said County of Oxford, and lying westerly of Bryant's Pond, so-called, and bounded and described as follows: viz:—commencing on the road leading from Bryant's Pond village to the Bryant neighborhood, so-called, at a point where the Woodstock town line crosses said road; thence running west on said road to land formerly owned by E. Bryant, thence north on line of said Bryant land to land now formerly owned by E. L. Cole; thence east on line of said Cole land to the said Woodstock town line; thence south on said line to the first mentioned bound. Excepting so much of the parcel above bounded as lies westerly of a spotted line running from a large rock on the shore of said Pond near where the wister road leading from the said Bryant neighborhood to said Bryant's Pond Village, strikes said Pond, said spotted line running in a northwesterly direction to land of said E. L. Cole.

Also the following described parcel of land or real estate situated in said Greenwood on the shore of said Pond, bounded and described as follows, viz:—commencing on the shore of said Pond at low water mark at a point where the above described parcel strikes said Pond; thence on the northerly line of said parcel westerly one hundred feet; thence northerly at a right angle to the Pond; thence southerly on the Pond to the place of beginning.

Also a certain lot or parcel of land situated in Woodstock in said County of Oxford and known as the Glen Mountain Hotel lot, bounded and described as follows, viz:—northwesterly by the Edwin Andrews acre lot, so-called; northerly by land of the heirs of Ezra Stephens; southerly by the Knights Common, so-called, and the road leading from said village to Rumford; southwesterly by the road leading from said village to Locke's Mills in the town of Greenwood.

Also a certain other lot or parcel of land situated in said Woodstock and bounded and described as follows, viz:—commencing at the southwest corner of land sold to Joel Perham, Jr. by Henry Howe; thence a westerly course forty-eight and three-fourths feet to a stake and stones to land bargained and sold to L. Crockett and Sons; thence north twenty-five degrees west on line of said Crockett land to land formerly owned by Chas. Rolfe to a stake and stones; thence easterly on said Rolfe line forty-eight and three-fourths feet to a stake and stones; thence south twenty-five degrees east to the first mentioned bound. Containing one-fourth of an acre be the same more or less.

Also the following described parcel of real estate situated in said Woodstock and bounded and described as follows, viz:—beginning at the southwest corner of a lot formerly owned by R. K. Dunham and Albert Bates on the north line of the road leading from Bryant's Pond to North Woodstock; thence north twenty-four degrees and forty-five minutes west along rods and fourteen links to a stake; thence south fifty-nine degrees and thirty minutes west two rods and twenty-four links; thence south twenty-four degrees and forty-five minutes east six rods and nine links to a stake; thence south sixty-four degrees west four rods to a stake; thence south twenty-six degrees east two rods and eleven links to the line of the road; thence by the line of the road six rods, twenty-one links to the flag bound, together with the buildings thereon.

FRED P. BEAN,
Deputy Sheriff.

NOTICE.
The subscriber hereby gives notice that he has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of Herbert W. Cummings late of Bethel in the County of Oxford, deceased, and given bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.

FRANK CUMMINGS,
November 17th, 1908.
M. M. 211.

DIXFIELD ITEMS.

The Happenings of the Week as gathered by the Citizen Reporter.

Miss Rachel Dolloff of Yarmouth came Tuesday of last week to work in the tooth plank mill. She boards with her cousin, Mrs. David Atkins.

Mrs. S. M. Klader of Peru was in town Wednesday, calling on friends. George Stowell, who has been very ill of pneumonia the past week is slowly gaining.

The fifth annual concert and ball given by the Dixfield Band at Tuscan Hall Thursday evening, December 17th was a grand success. The village people should be justly proud of the musical talent found in the members of the band, and the many compliments extended them were well deserved. There was an appreciative audience present and a large party remained after the concert to take part in the dancing which soon followed. An excellent supper was furnished by the ladies of Welcome Rebekah Lodge. The soprano solos rendered by Mrs. Wynifred Smith during the concert were greatly enjoyed, as also the trio by G. Dana Holt, violin; Thomas F. Holt, cello; Henrietta Thompson piano. The Episode Military, "The Midnight Alarm" rendered by the Band was a concert of itself.

Prof. W. E. Sargent of Hefron was in town Saturday.

The theme of Rev. W. E. Gaskin's discourse Sunday a. m. was "A higher and more noble living." Text from St. Matthew 3:2.

A Christmas tree and exercise at the Universalist church this Thursday evening.

Exercises and a tree at the F. B. church Friday evening.

The pupils of the Primary school gave an entertainment Wednesday evening from which \$12.00 was realized, with which they will purchase a clock and other necessities for the school room. The pupils in this grade not absent one day, during the term of fourteen weeks, list as follows: Kenneth Hawks, Willie Paine, Mamie Ricker, Carollina Small, Milla Sweet, Claude Newell, Zephiah Abbott, Edwin Childs, Ruth Gates, Wilfred Kidder, Ida Muehner, Bertha Smith, Maynard Harlow.

Fred Cram of Livermore Falls, who has for some months past owned the livery stable connected with the Dixfield House, has sold out, and returned to Livermore.

The village schools closed Friday of last week for a two weeks' vacation. An entertainment given by the pupils of the Grammar grade was enjoyed by those present. Program as follows: Song, Welcome Beautiful Xmas. Recitation—Ethel Gieracze and Lella Holman.

Play, Lost on Christmas Eve. Recitation—Edith Gieracze and Wilfred Torrey.

Play, The Day After Christmas. Recitation—Marion Dabb, Bertha Willoughby, Esther Woodham.

The pupils not absent one day during the term of fourteen weeks are as follows: Raymond Brown, Floyd P. Macomber, Cresney H. Macomber, Edith I. Moore, Mary I. Brown, Wilfred Torrey.

The funeral service of Mr. James Widbur, whose death occurred Wednesday of last week, was held at his home on the Weld road Friday at 2 o'clock a. m., Rev. G. B. Hannaford of Rumford officiating. Mr. Widbur's death was caused by pneumonia, being sick only a few days. He was a soldier, having served in the Civil War, was a prisoner both at Andersonville and Libby prisons. He was a kind hearted man, a good neighbor and a good citizen, doing many deeds of kindness that the world knows not of. He leaves a son, Mr. John Widbur of Hartford, who with his wife and child were present at the service, and helped care for his father during his last illness. His age was 72 years. The interment was at the cemetery on lower Main Street.

Dr. Hatchels of Rumford, Maine of Canton and White of Wilton were called Thursday in the case of Fred Casey who has been very ill of pneumonia. An amount of pus was taken from his lungs and a tube inserted for the discharge to pass out. He is decidedly better this Tuesday. He is attended by Dr. Sturtevant and a hospital nurse. His many friends hope for his speedy recovery.

Hezekiah and Gertrude Berry of Carthage, were in town Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Towle went to Cambridge, Mass., this week Monday, to remain for a time with their daughter, Mrs. Ethel Robertson.

Hector's cough and stuffy cold that may develop into pneumonia over night are quickly cured by Foley's Honey and Tar, as is soothed inflamed membranes, break the lungs, and expels the cold from the system. W. E. Bessers, owner, Bethel, Chas. F. Fernald, Rumford.

MAKE THIS UP AT YOUR HOME.

Mix it Yourself By Shaking Ingredients in Bottle.

Hundreds of People in Vicinity Here Will Welcome This Advice.

What will appear very interesting to many people here is the article taken from a New York daily paper, giving a simple prescription, which is said to be a positive remedy for backache or kidney or bladder derangement, if taken before the stage of Bright's disease.

Fluid Extract Dandelion, one-half ounce; Compound Kargon, one ounce; Compound Syrup Sarsaparilla, three ounces. Shake well in a bottle and take in teaspoonful doses after each meal and at bedtime.

A well-known druggist here at home, when asked regarding this prescription, stated that the ingredients are all harmless, and can be obtained at a small cost from any good prescription pharmacy, or the mixture would be put up if asked to do so. He further stated that while this prescription is often prescribed in rheumatic affections with splendid results, he could see no reason why it would not be a splendid remedy for kidney and urinary troubles and backache, as it has a peculiar action upon the kidney structure, cleansing these most important organs and helping them to sift and filter from the blood the foul acids and waste matter which cause sickness and suffering. Those of our readers who suffer can make no mistake in giving it a trial.

ANDOVER

The Happenings of the week as Told by Our Correspondent

The whist club met Thursday Dec. 17th and spent a very pleasant evening; enough for six tables were present. C. T. Poor won 1st gentlemen's prize and Mrs. Girdler Sweet 1st ladies' prize. The members of this club are Mr. and Mrs. Y. A. Thurston, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Rand, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Lovejoy, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Newhall, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Grover, Mr. and Mrs. Wirt Lovejoy, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Sweet, Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Girdler Sweet, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Dunning, Helen Kimball, May French, Bertha Poor, Walter Barnes, Fred Hitehins, C. T. Poor.

A whist club has been formed among the younger people and they held their first meeting last Tuesday, Dec. 15th in IL and L. Hall with about forty members.

The Kings Daughters Christmas sale Dec. 16th was very successful, there were many pretty articles and the doll table was most attractive.

Mr. Herrick and Y. A. Thurston went to Hanover Saturday to attend a session of Oxford Bear K. of F.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Lovejoy went to Rumford Monday.

Mrs. Olive Dresser and family also her mother, Mrs. Frank Field, have gone to Boston for the winter.

Miss Jane Gregg, who has been ill for some weeks is much improved and able to be down stairs.

Edwin Talbot went Tuesday to Anson, Me.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Ripley, who have been here making some improvements on their house, returned to Rumford last Wednesday.

On Saturday evening there was a lively game of basket ball between the two Andover teams in which the 1st team won. During intermission the K. O. K. played a game. A dance of a couple of hours finished the evening.

An Old Landmark Burned.
The house on the old Jones place, so-called, at the top of the long hill leading to Roxbury Pond was destroyed by fire last Saturday morning. There were two families in it who lost nearly all they had, only saving a small amount of clothing. Mr. and Mrs. Yankow had only recently moved in, coming from Bethel to marry on lumbering operations near the Pond. Their loss is the greatest as he lost his entire logging supplies. They will return to Stone Lake house to finish their work.

ANNUAL SALE OF UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY

Held at Dixfield Last Week.

Marked Success From Every Standpoint.

The annual sale of the Universalist Church Aid Society was held in their rooms in Masonic building Thursday afternoon and evening, Dec. 10th. The banquet hall looked very attractive with the several booths in different decorations. On entering the hall at your right was first seen the fancy work and apron table with decorations of red and white bunting. The ladies presiding at this table were Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Dillingham and Mrs. Randall, and the many useful and fancy articles on sale found ready customers. Work and fancy aprons of every size, quality and color, mats, dollies, shawls, mittens, leggings and slippers were found here. Next in line was the miscellaneous booth, with dainty dress, and among the great variety of articles here found, were soap boxes, blotting pads, kid gloves, several views of Dixfield and vicinity, a pin and comb, ornamented with Hot Springs diamonds (gifts of Mrs. Hiram Cox, a former resident of this place and now spending the winter with her husband at Hot Springs, Ark.) canned fruit, jellies, vegetables, a book of pressed flowers from Nation, Alaska, also a pair of slippers and snow shoes, work of Alaska Indians, the articles being presented to the society by Mrs. Noyes, who has been a resident of Alaska the past nine years and is now visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hosea Yetton. The ladies in charge were Mrs. Holt and Mrs. Johnston.

The food table was the center of attraction and was very noticeable with its decorations of red bunting and evergreen. Here were found viands to please the most fastidious, and the ladies presiding here found a ready sale for their great variety of delicious food. An angel cake graced the center of the table which clustered around were pies, cakes, cookies, and special mention should be made of the "Muster Gingerbread" made by Mrs. Myrtilla Newman, 80 years of age, Dutch cheese and doughnuts, white bread and cream puffs. Mrs. Holland and Miss Merrow were in charge at this booth. The hunderchief and collar booth with its very attractive dress of green and white ornamented with artificial lilies and roses was in charge of Mrs. Ida Brown, and a neat little sum was realized from the great variety of hand made dainty affairs which were readily disposed of.

The last was the candy booth, and here presided Mrs. Alice Gates and Mrs. Isabel Russell; the decorations were very beautiful, white lace and evergreen being used. The large amount of home made candies in great variety with fruit punch found ready customers who were pleased with their purchases. The supper was a feature not to be omitted; the committee in charge was Mrs. Matilda Marsh, Mrs. Susan Marsh and Mrs. Edith Stowell, assisted by Mrs. Emily Frisk, Mrs. Ethel Keene, Mrs. Mary Newman and a corps of waiters. The tables were very attractive and all compliments given were justly deserved. The baked beans and peas of several kinds, white and brown bread, cold meats and salads, pies, pickles and cakes of excellent quality and great in numbers, soon disappeared by the good patronage.

The sale was a success in every way. Financially, more was realized than was anticipated, and nearly every article was sold. Those who assisted outside of the society will please accept many thanks for their helpfulness. The annual meeting and election of officers will be held at the Masonic rooms, Thursday, January 21st, 1909. The annual report of all money received and expended during the year will be given by the Secretary, showing the financial standing of the society at the beginning of the year. It is hoped all members will be present at that meeting and several new names added to the list.

Why Cakes Fail.

Because inferior ingredients are used, such as rancid butter, inferior sugar, damp flour and doubtful eggs. Because either the butter is insufficiently beaten with the sugar or rubbed into the flour, or the eggs are not beaten enough.

Because the mixture is beaten after the flour is added, whereas all that should be done before.

The management of the oven is not understood and the cakes are either too dark or too pale.

Because the cakes are not carefully tested to make sure that they are cooked.

The cakes are either left in the tin or put before the fire to cook whereas they should be placed on a wire rack and cooled in a cool place.

The Rumford National Bank

In Rumford Falls is doing business under the National Banking Act.

The Result of Persistent Saving is--Independence.

Every hundred dollars you save makes it easier to acquire thousands.

You can begin saving now,—\$1.00 opens an account at this bank.

We encourage you to save by paying interest on savings at the rate of FOUR per cent.

The Rumford National Bank--The Bank for the People.

For Christmas.

One of the best assortments of Watches, Clocks, Jewelry and Silverware. A fine line of Christmas cards and booklets.

We make a specialty of engraving.

Joseph Jacques,

90 Congress St., Rumford, Maine.

CONG. SWASEY GETTING ON.
(From an Exchange.)
Rep. Swasey is beginning to say drop things about Congress, just as his Maine friends expected he would do. He strolled into the big room, which is just outside the offices of Speaker Cannon, Tuesday afternoon, shook hands with Asher Hinds, the speaker's parliamentary, had a few words with L. White Busbey, the speaker's secretary, and then stopped to tell a story or two.

"This is very nice applauding favors the first day of the session," quoth Mr. Swasey. "I felt pretty big myself for a while the other day. Do you know when I walked in upon the floor the members began cheering like the old boy. Well, I thought I was almost as prominent a man as the speaker, if they would cheer me like that."

"But I happened to notice at just that time, that Vice Pres.-elect Sherman was coming down the center aisle. He had entered the same time that I entered."

The Second district member encounters a number of Maine people around the Capitol. He wants to know where everyone of them comes from, county and town. He knows all about Maine, outside as well as inside his own Second district.

"Come from Somerset, old Somerset, do you?" said Mr. Swasey Tuesday afternoon to a new Maine acquaintance. "Not up North Anson way. Judge Simmons lives up there."

"Augustine Simmons."

"Well, I saw, the same," ejaculated Mr. Swasey. "He's a good probate judge and a fine type of man. A Republican, too, although all his fathers and grandfathers before him were Democrats. Yes, we have been friends for years."

This is only a sample of the way the new Second district congressman is making himself solid with the Maine people. He is living the simple life but keeping his eyes wide open to see how state, respectable members of Congress are expected to "go it" in Washington. He has taken quarters over at the Hamilton Hotel, which is very much of a good Maine district hostelry any way. Rep. Littlefield always lived there before him the late Rep. Dingley lived there all the years he was a lawmaker in Washington.

Then at the same hotel is "Bill" Fry, whom Mr. Swasey supported for Congress 20 or 30 years ago, when "Bill" was running for a "single term" and declaring that this was all he wanted. Senator Fry, long ago he came an habitation at the Hamilton Hotel. It would not know just what to do if a session of Congress began with the Junior Maine senator occupying the southwest corner on the second floor.

Mr. Swasey says he hasn't been doing much beyond "exhibiting" himself around and that is boasting a little. But he considers himself with the idea that new members have to do exhibits before the House can see them up. He is studying the Grand play of the Capitol building.

EAST SUMNER.
Fred Harrows cut his foot with an axe and the doctor was obliged to take four stitches in dressing the wound.

Ezra Keene was called to Somerville, Mass. on account of the death of his sister, Mrs. Nellie Ricker. Much sympathy is felt for Mr. Keene, as this is the fifth death that has occurred in his family within a year and a half.

Christmas services were held at both the Baptist and Congregational churches, which were prettily decorated. Rev. E. M. Lamb and Rev. S. C. Betton both spoke eloquently and interestingly of the significance of the Christmas tide. In the evening a Christmas concert was given at the Congregational church which gave great credit to the promoter, Rev. Eaton. A full chorus composed of the choirs of both churches and the girl's Glee Club, rendered many beautiful selections. Miss Florence, the ten year old daughter of Mr. Bates, presided at the organ, and played the many difficult passages with surprising skill and accuracy. Mr. A. H. Harlow with his graphophone, furnished a few ever welcome gospel songs and the delightful "Christmas Bells." Mr. Bates gave a short address on the history of Christmas.

NORTH BUCKFIELD.
There will be an entertainment and Christmas tree, Wednesday evening at the Grange Hall. A sale in the afternoon.

Mrs. M. A. Warren has been visiting her mother, in Turner.

M. A. Sturtevant has come to spend a few weeks in the place. His sister Laura has returned home.

J. M. Millett has taken the job to haul 400 cords of wood and load it on the cars for Clarence Foster. He has several teams at work for him.

Golden Barrett and wife were called on friends in the place Sunday. Schools in town closed last Friday for a five weeks' vacation.

Mary Mayhew of Ipswich will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Mayhew.

On Christmas eve the Grange will have a social.

